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NEW DELHI FOR VITTORIO BROD (NEA LABOR CONFERENCE)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OTRA (BROWN, IRVING AND PAT O'FARRELL) ELAB EG US
SUBJECT: AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS O'FARRELL AND BROWN VISIT TO EGYPT

REF: TUNIS 2068 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED FOLLOWING CABLE FROM EMBASSY
TUNIS: "BROWN AND O'FARRELL INFORM US ORDERS TO
RETURN AFL/CIO HEADQUARTERS SOONEST REQUIRE CANCELLATION THEIR
PLANS VISIT CAIRO THIS TIME. EGYPTIAN LABOR CONTACTS INFORMED
BY BROWN AND O'FARRELL".

2. CONTRARY TO ABOVE, EGYPTIAN LABOR LEADERS NOT YET INFORMED
OF CANCELLATION. JUST PRIOR TO RECEIT OF REFTTEL, TRADE UNIONS
REP MRS. KHALID CALLED ON POLCOUNS TO GIVE US COPY OF PROGRAM
WHICH, IN ADDITION TO ANTICIPATED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT,
INCLUDES DINNER THIS EVENING, MEETING WITH EXECTUVTIVE BOARD
OF EFTU, AND MEETINGS WITH MINISTER OF MANPOWER AND FIRST
SECRETARY OF ASU.

3. CAIRO DAILIES MARCH 28 PUBLISHED NEWS OF O'FARRELL/BROWN
ARRIVAL (MRS. KHALID SAID WITH EXPRESS PERMISSION OF
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MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS). GUMHURIYYA STORY ON PAGE ONE READ:
"FIRST AMERICAN LABOR DELEGATION TO VISIT EGYPT IN 25 YEARS WILL
ARRIVE TODAY IN CAIRO. DELEGATION IS HEADED BY PATRICK
O'FARRELL, DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN CENTER IN USA AND COMPRISES
REPRESENTATIVES FROM US TRADE UNIONS. VISIT WILL CONTINUE FOR
FOUR DAYS AND IS AT INVITATION OF EGYPTIAN SPINNING AND TEXTILE
TRADE UNION. DELEGATION WILL MEET WITH ASU FIRST SECRETARY,

MINISTER OF MANPOWER AND THE CHAIRMAN OF EFL."

4. COMMENT: EVEN IF O'FARRELL AND BROWN PRESENT EGYPTIANS WITH
CONVICNING CASE FOR THIS LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION, SOME DAMAGE
LIKELY TO BE INFLICTED UPON THOSE ELEMENTS IN EGYPTIAN LABOR
MOVEMENT WHO STUCK THEIR NECKS OUT BY EXTENDING
INVITATION DESPITE OPPOSITION OF EFL SEC GEN AND OTHER LEADERS.
ANY INFO DEPT CAN PROVIDE ON REASONS FOR CANCELLATION WOULD BE
APPRECIATED AS WE ATTEMPT TO PICK UP THE PIECES. WOULD BE
PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF WE COULD INFORM EGYPTIANS THAT O'FARRELL
AND BROWN PLAN TO RESCHEDULE VISIT IN NEAR FUTURE.
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